

BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTSMINUTES OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
February 24, 20151. CONVENING

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Berkshire Community College was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 in the General Bartlett Room, Susan B. Anthony Building. Board Chair Rodowicz called the meeting to order at 4:42 pm.

PRESENT: Chair Rodowicz; Vice Chair Dindio; Trustees Bradway, Caccaviello, Hiltpold, Ingegni, Laurens, Supranowicz, Wynn, and student trustee Chipalo

ABSENT: Trustee Crane

ALSO PRESENT: President Kennedy; Vice Presidents Cote, Law, Mulholland, and Smith; Assistant to the President, Kim Brookman; Other Guests: Christina Barrett, Tom Curley, Anna Foss, Charles Kaminski, Kelly Kemp, Jonathan Levine (Pittsfield Gazette), Brendon Martin (Sightlines), Nell McCabe, Jim Therrien (Berkshire Eagle), Matt Tucker (PCTV), Heidi Weber

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

*Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2014 meeting.*

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kennedy talked about an incident that ensued last week behind the Paterson Field House involving a community woman, who was snowshoeing, and some other individuals and dogs. The person on the snowshoes was injured by the dogs, the other people left and individuals from BCC were the first responders to the incident. There is an investigation underway.

Kennedy also talked about the NEASC five-year accreditation report. It was a great report. We were thrilled with the results we received.

Christina Barrett presented the new BCC signage that will be displayed out in the community in the next couple months.

a. New Employee Introductions

Tom Curley, Dean of Humanities, introduced Nell McCabe, who was hired as an Assistant Professor of English for the fall semester. McCabe is an alumnus of BCC. McCabe addressed the Board, thanking them for the opportunity to do what she really loves, at the school she attended and really loves.

Anna Foss, Dean of Nursing, Health, and Social Sciences, introduced Kelly Kemp, who was hired as an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice for the fall semester. Kemp was the Assistant District Attorney for Berkshire County. Kemp has also been an adjunct faculty member at BCC for the last five years. Kemp addressed the Board conveying her gratification in teaching at BCC and thanked them for the opportunity.

President Kennedy mentioned the many hats that Anna Foss had been wearing over the past semester and commended her for all her hard work. Today, the ACEN nursing accreditation team arrived and will be here through Thursday. The accreditation occurs once every nine years. After losing Liz Kassel, Ann Tierney and Deb Rustay came out of retirement to help in the process. The results of the process will be shared, when we learn them.

b. Sightlines

Brendon Martin presented the Sightlines annual ROPA (Return of Physical Assets) Report. Core concepts discussed included campus profile, capital investment, and operational effectiveness.

c. Facilities Updates

Vice President John Law updated those present on the following facilities projects:

- Adjunct Faculty Office
  - Funded by the BCC Foundation
  - Field 202, complete renovation, 24 workstations, 2 private meeting rooms, informal meeting space
- Garden & Orchard
  - Supported with: grant from Guardian, private funds, operational funds
  - Garden located outside the kitchen, vegetables & herbs, hazelnut hedge & creeping thyme, wildflower garden (pollination), outdoor staging & preparation area
  - Hillside Orchard (apple & pear trees) located on the hill to the north of the ABA Annex
- Turf Field
  - Community Initiative
  - Soccer, football, lacrosse
  - Local sports teams
  - Replace existing grass field
  - Replenish vernal pool
  - Concession stand
  - Efficient lighting

- Hardscape
  - Access roads & parking lots (original pavement 44 years old)
  - \$2.75 million in State funding
  - Additional visitor parking (currently 20 spaces)
- Hawthorne & Melville Renovations
  - Creative transformation of a challenging physical space
  - Improved wayfinding
  - Better connections
  - Improved accessibility
  - Sustainability
- Accessibility
  - Comprehensive Accessibility Study through DCAMM
  - Up to \$2.9 million in additional State funding for new elevators serving new connector & Field Administration Building
- Updated Master Plan

#### d. College Readiness Updates

Charles Kaminski, Dean of Business, Science, Mathematics, and Technology, spoke on the issues surrounding college readiness.

Vision Project Strategies include:

- Raise Completion Rates – Particularly in STEM fields
- Close Achievement Gaps
- Attract and Graduate More Students from Underserved Populations

Redefining “Readiness”:

- How is readiness determined? In the past, through accuplacer.
- The ‘one-size-fits-all’ approach doesn’t work.
  - Implementation of PARCC (statewide)
  - Placement Pilot (statewide)
  - Alternative Pathways (BCC)

PARCC

- Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
- Standardized Assessment in Common Core State Standards (CCSS) – an alternative to MCAS
- Students scoring >3 on 1-5 scale in 11<sup>th</sup> grade will be considered college-ready in ELA and Mathematics
- Judgement Study conducted with faculty to determine alignment of PARCC with entry-level college work
- Regional alignment teams of college and high school faculty will evaluate curricular alignment in ELA and mathematics
- First graduates having taken PARCC to be attending college in 2017

#### Statewide Placement Pilot

- Breaks from traditional model of math placement
- Starting Fall 2014, pilot using high school GPAs as tool
- Students with high school GPA of 2.7 or more placed directly into college-level
- Preliminary results show promise

#### Alternative Pathways

- Non-STEM focused pathways towards completion of mathematics requirements
- System-wide DOL Guided Pathways (GPS) grant will identify blocks of courses and supports for students in specific programs
- Transition programs
  - College Connection
  - STEM Starter Program

#### Alternative Pathways

- Mandatory enrollment in College Success Course (BCC 101)
- Mandatory participation in remediation “bootcamps” for underprepared students
- Pilot: Secondary Alignment with Developmental Math Sequence
- Additional time for students not ready but enrolling in ENG 101

## 4. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Edson Chipalo, Student Trustee reported the following.

### a. Student Ambassadors

The student ambassadors joined in preparing for orientation by making phone calls and sharing their experiences at BCC with new students. At orientation, ambassadors gave tours of the campus to new students. Ambassadors have been working in the office of Student Life, helping out with office related activities.

### b. Student Government Association

The SGA is now in the process of recruiting new members to fill spaces left vacant by members who will be graduating in the spring. SGA organized a bake sale, selling chocolate covered strawberries, and raised \$324.50. SGA participated in the Dog Show and wellness fair. The SGA was represented at the Leadership Conference at MCLA entitled “Cruise for Leadership.” Many student leaders from Colleges in Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire attended. Students shared their experiences from the colleges they came from. SGA proposed to amend the constitution to allow the SGA president, vice president, and secretary to serve for one academic year like the student trustee. SGA is planning a Culinary Dinner at the end of the semester.

### c. Multicultural Student Services Organization (MSSO)

The MSSO group watched the movie “Selma” which was about the life of Martin Luther King Jr. The group talked about what they learned from the movie and had dinner together. The MSSO is involved in support a bill called “Tuition Equity” for all immigrants’ students in the

state of Massachusetts. On January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the group met with Tricia Farley to discuss the areas they could contribute to make a bill a success. Tasks have been allocated to students to research current tuition equity in other states where tuition equity is constitutional. The MSSO students are yet to come up with supporting documents to support the bill.

d. Intramural Sports

The Falcons Basketball team, a member of the Southern New England Club Basketball League, played its first 3 games in December, losing to Harvard by 1 point, but ending the tournament by beating UMASS Lowell. On Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, the BCC Falcons played visitors Goodwin College, and the home team won. On Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, the BCC Falcons are playing Goodwin College and Brown University at Goodwin College.

Soccer started an Indoor Co-Ed Pick-Up play, some are playing just for fun, and others are on the team and warming up for their official practices starting the beginning of March. Indoor Soccer will be every Wednesday at 3:30 pm in the gym.

On Saturday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, there was a Snowshoe Clinic & Hike at Paterson, teaming up with BNRC. Bike & Board supplied free snowshoes for the event; it was free to BCC students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Five cross-country team members attended this event.

On Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, there was a cross country ski clinic at Hilltop Orchards.

5. ALUMNI TRUSTEE REPORT

Jeff Hiltbold reported the following.

On Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, the Alumni Association held an alumni athletic event to recognize past BCC athletes. These athletes were recognized during half-time at the BCC Falcons/Goodwin College basketball game. There was a 50/50 raffle to raise money for a trophy case.

This spring members will be volunteering for spring cleanup in the community.

Chair Rodowicz announced that Trustee Laurens would be the Board's new representative on the Foundation Board and will be reporting at future meetings.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Academic Planning

Nothing to report at this time.

b. Executive

Nothing to report at this time.

c. Finance

Vice Chair Dindio introduced John Law, Vice President for Administration & Finance/CFO.

Vice President Law presented the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter trust fund reports.

*Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Berkshire Community College FY15 Trust Fund Reports for the quarters ending September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2014.*

Law then presented the A-133 Audit Report. There was one non-material finding. The finding is being addressed.

*Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Berkshire Community College A-133 Audit Report.*

d. Human Resources

Nothing to report at this time.

e. Nominating

Nothing to report at this time.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

a. Personnel Actions

Deb Cote, Vice President of Human Resources, presented the personnel actions.

- Appointments – Non-Unit Professional
- Appointments – Unit Professional
- Reappointments – Faculty
- Reappointments – Unit Professional

*Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the personnel actions for the period November 21, 2014 through February 13, 2015.*

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Old – None.

b. New – None.

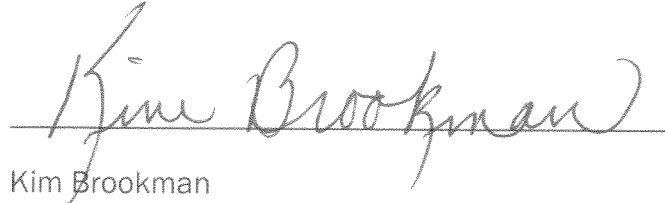
c. Upcoming Events – President Kennedy reviewed the upcoming events.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be held on March 24, 2015.

DATE: March 14, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kim Brookman

Approved:

  
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Darlene Rodowicz, Board Chair

